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Secretary: Miss M. G. SPENCER.

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HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

August 6th. 1908.

The Secretary,

Parents' National Education Union.

Dear Madam,

Our work at the Inquiry Office of the Franco-British Exhibition has brought us into contact with many societies existing for the benefit of women, and we have been struck by the fact that nearly all of them have published excellent, but little known books, pamphlets, magazines and leaflets of various kinds, which they desired to sell at the Exhibition. Unfortunately however, as you know, the Exhibition authorities decided that nothing should be sold over the counter at any stall in the Women's Section, and we therefore had regretfully to return all such publications except a limited number which were lent to us. This fact, coupled with the growing demand for information on all branches of woman's work has suggested to us the following scheme, which I venture to submit for your preliminary consideration, it has not yet ^{been} considered by my Executive, so I am unable to give you definite figures, and would ask you to treat the matter as confidential except to members of your Committee.

Our idea is to take a part of a shop in a good position (Oxford St. or Regent St. probably) with a window or part of a window, and invite all the women's societies we know to be really sound, to send

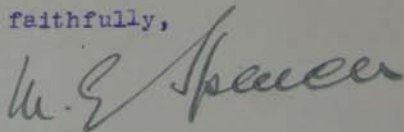
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us their publications for exhibition and sale; also any posters, reports or pamphlets which could be given away, concerning the work of their societies. We are willing to be responsible for the rent and management of such a depot provided a sufficient number of societies are willing to join and so minimise our risk of loss. The depot would be managed by an experienced worker who would be able to direct customers to the various societies and answer questions concerning them. The want of any central place of the kind has been clearly demonstrated to us by our experience at the Exhibition. We propose to call the depot by some such title as "The Workers' Bookshop". We shall not, of course, "undersell" the ordinary booksellers, nor shall we come into competition with them, as they do not like to give space for the display of such special publications. The charges to each society or author will be provisionally as follows:-

1. A small annual fee for membership, which will entitle the member, whether a society or individual, to send a definite number of publications to the depot on sale or return, and will cover display of posters, pamphlets, etc.
2. A small commission on sales.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will let me have some reply shortly, even although it may be of a provisional nature. We hope we may count on your co-operation and support?

Yours faithfully,



Secretary.

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2 Nov. 1908.

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Dear Madam

In reply to your letter of the Oct. 9th stating that the Parents Natl. Educ. Union would be prepared to consider favourably the question of co-operating with our scheme for the maintenance of a central depot where the publications of Women's Societies may be sold, and pamphlets, leaflets and reports given away, I am glad to tell you that we have taken a small shop in a first-rate position on the north side of New Oxford Street. Our fee to your Society for exhibiting and selling publications will be £1. 1. 0. per annum, payable in advance. For this fee we shall also be willing to give enquirers any publications you desire to be distributed gratis, and to give directions as to the best way of getting into touch with your Society, together with any other possible information.

The publications sent to us for sale would of course be sent on sale or return: we should retain the 35% discount usual at all booksellers. If opportunity occurred for selling your publications to the Trade, we should have to allow them the 35%, and in that case should follow the usual custom of paying two-thirds of the published price to the owner. You will see that

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no risk of any kind would be incurred by your Society beyond the small annual sum of £1. 1. 0. already mentioned.

We hope to start the depot about the end of November, and propose that it should be open for eight hours daily, except for one half-holiday a week.

We have received a large number of favourable replies from Women's Societies, but we are naturally anxious to know definitely the amount of support on which we can rely. Will you kindly let us have a reply at your earliest convenience, and if you are obliged to wait for the decision of a Committee, a provisional affirmative or negative answer will for the moment suffice.

Yours truly,

M. G. Spencer

per KRS

Mrs Harold Losh

Telephone No. 212 Paddington

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Hon. Mrs. E. L. Franklin

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(At Home Thursday mornings,
or by appointment)

Oct. 22nd, 1908.

Dear Mrs. Roper,

I am very glad to hear that you are making a good start and I hope you will not find the Secretaryship too troublesome. I agree with you that genuine criticism is most valuable, if it is done really in a spirit of interest towards the Union; otherwise I think it only causes discontent among the members.

I was much amused to hear from Miss Parish that during the discussion someone said that one could not expect men to read Miss Mason's books. As I have before me now a sheaf of letters from Professors at our best Universities and educationists generally, expressing their interest in and appreciation of "School Education", one is glad to see that this opinion is only that of the smallest minority. I have also just received some sixty newspaper cuttings from Germany reviewing most favourably the German translation of "Parents and Children". "Home Education" was received even in this land of educational thought with the greatest interest, and the second volume seems also to be creating a similar, favourable impression. The German translation of the third volume will be out at Christmas.

I wonder whether the members of your Branch have realised the increasing number of heads of schools (boys' and girls'), who

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are working Miss Mason's curriculum and submitting to her examination. This, as you know, is an outcome of the two Conferences that she has held with professional educationalists, reports of which have been in the Parents' Review and in the Report.

With regard to the desire of some members of the Brondesbury Branch that an alteration should be made in Rule 8, vide Report, Page 11, I have to inform you that the Executive Committee considered the question at great length and were finally obliged to adjourn the discussion until their next meeting. I will let you know their decision after the next meeting. Meanwhile, may I point out to you that even if the Executive Committee should not see its way to recommending an alteration in this Rule, this recommendation can be proposed as a resolution, under Rule 20, by your delegate at the Council Meeting, due notice having been given thereof. It can then be decided by the Council as to whether any alteration should be made or not. So far we have found that the minimum of 50 subscriptions has not proved a drawback, because any Branch which had sufficient vitality to desire representation on the Executive very quickly reached this number, and that the inducement to attain to the honour of representation acted as a spur towards the increase of membership. However, I quite hope that we may be able to meet you in this matter.

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I must apologise for not having written to you earlier,
but almost directly after the last Committee meeting I had to
go up to Scotland to represent the P.N.E.U. at the Union of
Women Workers, to the Executive of which I have now been elected.
There was a most successful Conference, and over £6 worth of
P.N.E.U. literature was sold.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Dec. 6th, 1908.

Dear Miss Featherstone,

After much consideration my Committee have come to the conclusion that it would be better for them to defer the organised spreading of their principles in the States until they can send one of their Organising Secretaries to do this. They have found from experience that it is quite impossible to start successful Branches of the Union unless it is done slowly and with much serious preparation of the ground beforehand. They wish me to tender to you their grateful thanks for your offer of help in this direction. Under these circumstances, it is of less importance that Miss Mason finds herself unable to receive an extra guest, as her health is not at all good and the necessary work entailed at the end of the term is as much as her strength enables her to cope with.

Yours truly,

(Signed) H. Franklin

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LONDON, E.C.

22nd. March 1909

Sir,

Having completed my Audit of the Accounts of the Parents National Educational Union for the year ending 31st. December 1908, I now enclose for your consideration the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet as at that date.

The year's work has resulted in a surplus of £83 as compared with a surplus of £144 for 1907, £21 for 1906 and £37 for 1905. The principal items shewing an increase in Income are:-

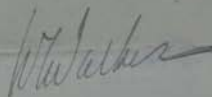
- (a) Sums received from or owing by House of Education Students which amount to £95 as compared with £39 in 1907, an increase of £56.
- (b) The Book Business which shews a profit of £111, as compared with £84 in 1907 or an increase of £27.
- (c) Lecture Fees £21 which appear for the first time in the Accounts.

On the other hand Donations received have decreased by £25, the result being that the Income as a whole has increased by £82 while the Expenditure has increased by £141, the principal item being Salaries which have risen from £256 to £369.

In conclusion I have to express my thanks to the Secretary and Staff for the assistance they have rendered me and shall be happy to afford you any further information that is in my power, should you require it.

I am Sir,

Yours faithfully,



The Chairman,
The General Committee,
Parents National Educational Union,
26, Victoria Street,
Westminster, S.W.

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to the earnestness & devotion of
our Central Executive. No lukewarm
Committee could have met with
such a success. It may be that
we are on the verge of great
things.

May I venture to tell you how
comforting & cheering it is to
me to know that this great work
is being carried forward with such
a whole-hearted co-operation.

Believe me,

Very faithfully yours,

E. C. Mason & Co.

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House of Education,
Ambleside.

22.11.1909

To the Committee

May I send my very warm & very
happy congratulations to our noble
Chairman & Committee upon our
most successful & encouraging
Conference at Birmingham. Its
enthusiasm is catching & I
think a great deal of our
late success must be due

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LONDON, E.C. 9th. Feb. 1910

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Sir,

Having completed my Audit of the Accounts of the Parents National Educational Union for the year ending 31st. December 1909, I now enclose for your consideration the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet as at that date.

The year's work has resulted in a surplus of £50 as compared with one of £83 in 1908, £144 in 1907, £21 in 1906 and £37 in 1905; it should be observed, however, that this year £24 has been written off the Book Stock and Debts and £10 off the debts due from House of Education Students, so that, apart from this provision for possible losses, the results shown are approximately equal to those of 1908.

The principal items of increase under Income are:-

	1908	1909	Increase
Members Subscriptions	76	97	21
Parents Review	149	181	32
Parents Union School Fees Commission	5	22	17
<u>Decreases</u>	<u>1908</u>	<u>1909</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Donations	81	54	27
House of Education (£10 Reserve)	95	67	28
Books (£24 Reserved)	111	77	34

The total expenditure has remained about the same as in 1908, a decrease in Salaries being offset by an increase in other

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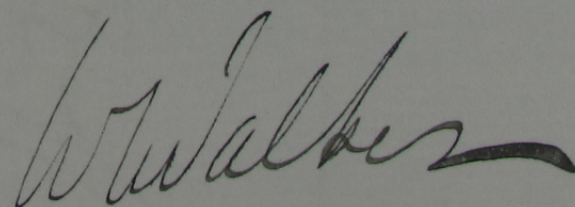
expenses; the Home Education Series £18 appears in the accounts this year for the first time, having previously been included under Literature.

With respect to the commission received in connection with the collection of Parents Union School Fees, there appears to be a substantial increase in the rate of commission allowed by Miss Mason.

I shall be happy to afford you any further information that is in my power.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. Walker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.